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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/750,551
Filing Date	February 24, 2003
First Named Inventor	Chen et al.
Group Art Unit	2834
Examiner Name	Dang D. Le
Attorney Docket Number	15939-17

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-2230
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ Any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16
 - b. ☐ Checks in the amounts of \$ _____ the RCE fees and \$ _____ for the extension are enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Guy Porter Smith	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	20,142
Signature	<i>Guy Porter Smith</i>	Date	24 February 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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Name (Print/Type)	Florence Thys-Doucet	Date	24 February 2003
Signature	<i>Florence Thys-Doucet</i>		

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	6 XX - 20 =		x \$9 =	\$
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1 XX - 3 =		x \$42 =	\$
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			x \$140.00=	\$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$375.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$
				TOTAL =	\$375.00

6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
 b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
 c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2230:

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the RCE filing fee.

9. ☒ Other: The 3 month extension of time to respond to the office action of August 23, 2002